GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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SHIFTING OF HEADQUARTERS OF NEC
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trade unions in North Eastern coalfields had demanded shifting of its headquarters to Margherita near the coalfields;

(b) if so, the response of management thereto;

(c) the expenditure of C.I.L. for operating the headquarters of Guwahati; and

(d) the distance between NEC mining belt and NEC headquarters by road and rail?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : In order to provide better convenience and front- end service facilities to customers, headquarters of NEC is being retained at Guwahati, the gateway of all North Eastern States, which is in existence for more than 15 years.

(c) : Expenditure for operating NEC headquarters at Guwahati during 2001-02 has been Rs. 200.77 lakhs.

(d) : Distance between NEC mining belt and NEC headquarters is 538 km by road and 565 km by rail.